

## STRONG SWEARING AGAINST JOE MAUZY

Sensational Testimony by the Star Witness, Pleasant Fortner.

### SAYS HE SAW JOE AT THE ALLEY

Fortner Put Under Severe Cross Examination by Johns.

John Vanquash Another Important Witness for Prosecution—Wife of the Prisoner in Court—Room Crowded All Day.

The most interesting part of the Maury murder trial came up today when the prosecution introduced their most important witnesses. The court room was crowded all day and the evidence was heard with great interest by the spectators. Attorney Hugh Croa was in the court room for a short time this forenoon. Mrs. Joe Maury, the wife of the accused, was in the court room for the first time today and occupied a seat with Maury and his parents.

The prosecution introduced their star witness, Pleasant Fortner of Shelby county. He testified that he saw Maury, the two women and McKinley and that he and Maury made threats against McKinley and later heard the shot fired and saw Maury run and McKinley fall. In his opening speech Mr. Johns said that he understood that there was to be a man to testify that he saw the affair and when that man came on the stand he would get him and not leave more of him than they would boot of a Blue Point oyster.

Fortner had closed his jaws over it when the witness was turned over to Mr. Johns for cross examination. The attorney went into his oyster with the evident intention of eating him. He questioned him for an hour this forenoon, asking him a number of times when he was married, when he was born, when he came to Decatur, what different houses he lived in and other similar questions. This was done by Mr. Johns continued with the cross examination. The apparently important questions were evidently put to Fortner for the purpose of confusing him so that he could be tangled when the important questions were asked.

He was given the details of the trial of 13 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

#### Monday Afternoon.

Following is the testimony given today after noon after 3 o'clock:

**LAURA WISSEN.**

Examined by Mr. Leforgee—Am 28 years old and live at 823 South Colfax street and have lived there four years. Mrs. Showers is my sister. In 1890 lived at 133 South Franklin street. Am a daughter of Joe Wissen. Remember the night McKinley was killed. Went to the residence with my sister before the shooting and took supper with Bena Bauer and Katie Smock. After we passed the alley and were on Franklin street we heard a shot; we were then about thirty feet from the Dunston corner. A remark was made in regard to the shooting. I looked back and could see some one but could not say definitely who it was, but I thought it was Joe Maury. Knew him and was familiar with his figure. I was frightened and ran home.

Cross examined by Mr. Johns—I know Joe Maury while an inmate of the jail. Did not know that he lived at the jail; saw him much of him after the murder.

The night McKinley was killed was a light, but don't remember whether or not the stars were shining. Did not meet anyone when we were going home the night of the murder. Did not hear any talking or screaming but heard the shot. Recognized Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Smith standing near the Hebling residence. Knew Valentine McWhitney, but did not see him that night. Also know Vanquash, but did not see him that night.

#### BARNEY MCKINLEY.

Examined by Mr. Mills—Am a brother to Mat McKinley. He was 26 years old and not quite so large as I am. Remember distinctly his death. I was in the Palace saloon on Franklin street, a block and a half away. I went down and found him leaning against the barn. I asked him who shot him, but he could not

speaking. He died there without speaking. I saw where he had been hit over the eye, but did not find the bullet hole until he was taken to the undertaker shop. There were two women standing about 50 feet away on the sidewalk.

In answer to a question put by Jurymen Asa Clothier Mr. McKinley said that on that night he could see clearly about 40 or 50 feet.

Cross examined by Mr. Buckingham—Will Seaforth brought me the news. There were probably a dozen persons there when I arrived, but only saw two women. Talked to Mrs. Smith and saw Mrs. Griffith afterward. The moon and stars were not shining and don't remember about the street lights. Frank Plumer and Henry Myer were there and someone had a lantern. Also saw Amos Imboden and Joe Winebrenner. Met tried to tell me who did it but could not speak.

#### MRS. DEFFENBAUGH.

Examined by Mr. Leforgee—Lived on South Water street at the time of the murder. It was where the opera house now stands. Knew Joe Maury by sight and also Sarah Lyons, who worked at the Brunswick hotel. Saw them in company together one afternoon in June, 1899. Knew Mat McKinley and heard Maury and the girl talk about him. Maury said she must leave McKinley alone or there would be trouble and the girl said she could not be bluffed. Joe said that if the girl did not let McKinley alone he would do him up.

Cross examined by Mr. Johns—Never saw Maury and the Lyons girl together but once. Knew him from seeing him coming to and going from the jail. Maury called the Lyons girl Kit. He threatened to do up McKinley if the girl did not stop going with him.

#### F. G. SHULTZ.

I know Joe Maury and met him a few times. Lived in Missouri in 1889 and came here in 1894 and served on the police force at night in 1895 and 1896. It was then that I became acquainted with Maury. In September, 1896, I was told that there was a man in a switch shanty. It was Maury. I went to put him out and he said that he had killed one man and that he would kill me if I didn't let him alone. I threw him out of the shanty.

Cross examined by Mr. Johns—Don't remember the date in September, but have an account of it. Think the Maury family lived in the country then.

#### MRS. MINA WISSEN.

Mrs. Wissen was put on the stand to tell about what her daughters said when they came home the night of the murder. The questions were objected to and the objections sustained so the witness was dismissed.

#### Tuesday, March 22—Forenoon.

Court convened at 9 o'clock this morning and Officer Shultz was recalled to the stand to fix the dates of the time he saw Maury.

#### OFFICER SHULTZ.

Examined by Mr. Leforgee—Am acquainted with Joe Maury. Saw him on the levee on June 8 and on July 16, 1896. Threw him out of the switch shanty on September 18. (The witness produced his note book showing entries on the dates that he saw him.)

Cross examined by Mr. Johns—There was no one in charge of the switch shanty; it was a place used by the switchmen. Maury was in there alone and Slim Jim told me he was there.

Mr. Johns pointed out a date on the note book and insisted that a certain word was July, while Shultz insisted that it was June. Then the lawyer and witness had a discussion, the manner of spelling and writing the words June and July in German. Mr. Shultz, however, could not be confused. The notes were written in English and German and also in some places were abbreviated in German. Mr. Shultz was required to give samples of his writing and Mr. Johns and the officer talked at length on the resemblance of the German letters to English letters.

Re-examined by Mr. Leforgee—The attorney asked the witness to read the first entry in his note book. The entry was in German and translated was as follows: "June 8 saw Joe Maury on the levee. He is the man who the people say killed Mat McKinley."

The second entry was: "July 24 saw Joe Maury on the levee. He was drunk." The third entry translated was as follows: "September 18 saw Maury in the switch shanty. Threw him out of the shanty. He said, 'I killed one man and will kill you.' Some man said he would take him home and let him take him."

The next witness called was John Vanquash.

#### JOHN VANQUASH.

Examined by Mr. Leforgee—I live in the Putterman and Leforgee addition and lived there in 1899. Knew Joe Maury. I remember the night Mat McKinley was killed. I came up town with George Tucker between 8 and 9 o'clock. Came up on Franklin street. When I crossed Wood street heard a shot was fired. At the Dunston gate met Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Griffith and passed them.

#### SAID IT WAS MAUZY.

Q—What did you see then?  
A—I saw a man run from the corner of the barn across the street to the west side of Franklin street and there he went south toward Wood street.

Q—Did you recognize this man?  
A—Yes.  
Q—Who was he?  
A—Joe Maury.  
Q—The defendant in this case?  
A—Yes.  
Q—Did you see McKinley?  
A—Yes.  
Q—Where was he?  
A—He was leaning against the barn and I thought he was drunk.  
Q—What did you do then?  
A—Walked toward Main street.  
Q—Did you see anyone?  
A—Yes, I saw a man at the corner of Franklin and Main streets.  
Q—Did you know him?  
A—No.  
Q—Was he a small man?  
A—Yes, he was.

The witness then said that he heard what had happened and went back where the shooting occurred.

Cross examined by Mr. Buckingham—If there had been any women on the corner I would have seen them. Didn't see any flash from the pistol. Saw the women coming, but could not tell whether they were black or white. McKinley was lying on his right side, his face was turned toward the north and his feet were toward the northwest. His hand was against his right cheek. His hat was drawn down. George Tucker was with me when the shot was fired and I was at the Dunston corner when I heard it. I think Franklin street was paved. The sidewalk on the east side of the street was of brick. Didn't see any girls on Franklin street. Didn't stop where the man was lying. Didn't hear him breathing any. When the man ran out of the alley from the east I was at the Dunston barn. The man that ran out had no coat on and wore a white shirt. Had on a dark slouch hat. Don't know whether he wore a vest or not and did not notice his pants. The sound made by his shoes wouldn't indicate that he had on especially heavy shoes. Couldn't tell whether he was blonde or brunette. Didn't see any mustach. Didn't see him throw a pistol back in the alley. He crossed over at the alley but instead of going through the alley to State street turned and went south to Wood street. Didn't see Frank Plumer or Henry Myer at the scene of the shooting. There were four or five men there with the body. Saw two women half way between the gate and the barn. William Stantultz was there when I arrived. He is now at Pine Bluff, Ark. I didn't notice how any of the men were dressed. In two or three minutes Dr. Holl came. I remained as long as the man was there and didn't see anyone with a lantern. I did not see Barney McKinley there or did not recognize him if he was there. I got enough work to make a living. A year or two ago my family received support from the county and charitable organizations, but did not receive any help from the overseer this winter.

Re-direct examination by Mr. Leforgee—The man I saw on the corner was on the east side of Franklin street on the pavement near the sidewalk that runs on the south side of East Main street.

Mr. Leforgee asked the witness if he was able to tell the truth notwithstanding the fact that he had received aid from the county. Mr. Buckingham objected and the judge said it was a matter for the jury to decide.

#### PLEASANT FORTNER.

Examined by Mr. Leforgee—Have resided in Shelby county for the past eight years and am a brick layer. I have followed that occupation since I was 16 years old. Resided once in Decatur and worked as a brick layer and plasterer.

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## HIGH WATER.

The Sangamon Out of Its Banks Again—Still Rising Rapidly.

It rained hard most all night, not one of the gentle spring showers of which we have been having so many lately, but rained in sheets and thundered and lightened besides. The pavements on South Water street, which are the cleanest of any in the business part of the city, look as if they had been scrubbed by hand this morning, and the sidewalks were covered with fishing worms. The river was beginning to get back into its banks from the last heavy rain Sunday, but the rains of Monday and last night have sent it away up again and it is now within a few inches of high water mark and still rising. Shorty Hall was down at the river early this morning with some of the other owners of boats down there, looking after their property. High water mark is the top of the picket fence at the head of the steamboat landing at Riverside and the river had not been within several feet of this mark for several years. The water coming from the hydrants is a dusky color this morning. The filter has a little more than it can do on such exceptional times as these.

There was a flood this morning at the corner of Loadan avenue and Monroe street, and the water was knee deep on the sidewalk. There is a 24 inch tile at this corner, but it was not large enough to carry away the flood of water which fell last night and the wooden culverts in use at these corners were floating around in the street.

The culvert which carries waste water through Happy Hollow in Riverside addition, about 200 yards north of the park, is almost washed away and there is some danger of the street car tracks being washed down into the hollow. The hill going down into this hollow is quite steep and if a car should jump the track at this point it would not stop until it brought up against the grade of Walnut street a block east of the car line. Manager Ferguson will probably have the culvert fixed early this morning.

#### BACK WATER.

Residents out on West North street are having all sorts of trouble today because of the high water and imperfect sewerage. The main sewer leading down to Cerro Gordo street from points west of Monroe is choked up somewhere along the line, and in consequence the cellars of dwellings along West North street are partly filled with water. It is three to four feet deep. Furnace fires are out, and coal is submerged. The housewife has to wade to get to the preserves or do without. Possibly the asphalt pavement in the street will have to be taken up to adjust the sewer.

## PLEGGED \$500.

Ladies Will Raise Money to Help Lift a Church Debt.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the First M. E. church was held yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Milton Johnson in the chair.

The proposition to serve dinner and supper on the first Thursday and Friday after Easter, together with sale booths representing different nations and times, was endorsed.

The society made a pledge that it would raise \$500 to apply on the church debt by the last of the year.

#### Railway Collision.

Beloit, Wis., March 22.—A passenger train and a light engine on the C. & N. W. road collided one mile south of here this morning. James Walsh, passenger engineer, and a man named English, brakeman on the engine, were killed. William Walker, engineer of the lone engine, J. C. Coon, William Williams, fireman, and G. E. Devens, conductor, were injured.

#### The Dead.

Samuel S. Harner, aged 58 years, died in Harriestown township on March 21, leaving a wife and six children.

August Miller died in Decatur on March 21, aged 40 years, leaving a wife and five children.

The funeral of John Weigand was held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon from Salem church. Rev. Arnold conducted the services and the attendance was large. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The pall bearers were Fred Jostes, Charles Eckhart, J. R. Wise, W. E. Halbach, W. F. Bailey and L. W. Bailey. The interment was at Salem cemetery.

#### District Board Meeting.

The Decatur district board of control of the Epworth League met today at Grace M. E. church to prepare a program for the annual meeting, which is to be held in May at Latham.

Rev. E. B. Randle, Rev. E. J. Durham, Rev. C. F. McKown, J. T. McMillen and Miss Anna Stever compose the board.

## REPORT NOW AT KEY WEST

It Will Reach Washington City by Thursday Night.

### THE DECISIVE DAY IS CLOSE AT HAND

Review of the Situation—President and Congressmen Differ.

Incidents of the Day at Key West—Admiral Sicaud Has the Big Document—Autonomy Negotiations.

Key West, Fla., March 22.—The Maine court of inquiry has at last finished its work and submitted the report to Admiral Sicaud. He has suggested some alterations and the report probably will be taken to Washington today by Lieutenant Commander Marix, judge advocate of the court. Possibly, however, the arrival at Washington may be delayed several days or longer, as Admiral Sicaud says: "I could scarcely say the report will leave today. The court has practically finished its work, but some details may engage attention long enough to keep the report here several days. I trust, however, the navy department will have the documents in a very short time." The decision reached by the court is still a matter of surprise. Perhaps some significance may be attached and conclusions drawn from the remark made by Admiral Sicaud: "The case of the Maine is most peculiar, perhaps the most peculiar that has ever occurred in the history of the world."

From the general tone of his remarks it might be inferred that the court findings moving eastward. The fact that Insard did not definitely solve the mystery of the explosion. This is further borne out by Insard's statement that even after the report is sent to Washington the department may require further investigation. All rumors as to the report being already on the way to Washington were set at rest yesterday afternoon when Lieutenant Commander Marix walked into the hotel and asked for Admiral Sicaud. Behind him was an armed orderly with a large dispatch bag slung across his shoulder containing the report. In a little writing room off the hotel Lieutenant Commander Marix delivered the report to Admiral Sicaud. Commander West of Admiral Sicaud's staff, joined them and the trio went to the admiral's rooms. For two hours they were closeted together, going over voluminous papers. Lieutenant Commander Marix then took papers on board of the Nashville, which lies close off the shore. If the report can be finally prepared today, to the admiral's satisfaction, there is little doubt but that it will be hurried off to Washington.

#### Official Statement.

Washington, March 22.—After the cabinet meeting today the following official statement was made: "It was understood at the cabinet meeting today that the report of the court of inquiry will probably be here on Thursday or Friday; that it is a very voluminous document; that it will probably not be given to the press and congress before Monday; and that the president will require that much time for its proper consideration."

The president nominated A. J. Daugherty of Illinois to be collector of internal revenue for the fifth district of Illinois.

**Situation Boiled Down.**

Washington, March 22.—Walter Wellman: Fear of difference of views between the president and congress as to Cuba is entertained. Congress desires that the whole Cuban question be taken up at once when the report of the Maine inquiry board is received, while the president wishes the question touching the Maine to be kept separate from the principal Cuban issue. The belief is expressed that the president's policy will be approved. Indications are that the Maine report will reach the president on Thursday, in which event the intention is to send it to congress next day.

The New York Herald's special correspondent in Madrid declares that the Spanish government will refuse to accept any finding by the Maine board which may suggest Spanish responsibility, and that this intention is known to the United States government. He declares that if a demand for indemnity be made Spain will appeal to the European powers to intervene.

It is said to be the conviction of congress that the president will speedily recognize the independence of Cuba or ask congress to take steps in that direction. Feeling is growing among officials that the report on the wrecking of the Maine will show the vessel was destroyed by an explosion from the outside.

The National Business Men's League is to send a petition to congress favoring peace with honor, but asserting that if war be found necessary the commercial interests are not opposed to hostilities.

Senator Thurston said at Omaha that if the time for intervention in Cuba "is not here now it never will come."

#### Negotiations a Failure.

Havana, March 22.—It is known positively that negotiations between General Pando's emissaries and General Garcia and other prominent insurgents, in which offers of practical independence are said to have been made, have proved an absolute failure. Pando's command is again moving eastward. The fact that Insard did not definitely solve the mystery of the explosion. This is further borne out by Insard's statement that even after the report is sent to Washington the department may require further investigation.

#### Angry Spaniards.

New York, March 22.—A Havana special says Captain General Blanco and General Monterola, with Captain Eulate of the cruiser Vizcaya, are reported to have notified the Madrid government that they will resign if the Spanish torpedo fleet is detained at the Canary Islands in obedience to the demand of President McKinley.

#### Exclusive News at Havana.

Madrid, March 22.—The government has received from the United States minister at Washington a dispatch saying that the report of the United States naval court on the loss of the Maine holds the explosion to have been of external origin.

#### A Splendid Company.

The Agnes Herndon company, now appearing at the Grand, is the best company that has ever filled an engagement in Decatur at 10, 20 and 30 cents. Miss Herndon is a highly accomplished actress, until recently a star at dollar prices, and wears brilliant diamonds and costumes of great beauty and value. She made a decided hit last night. The support is excellent, far above the average, and the specialties introduced every night are patriotic, artistic and pleasing. It is an entertainment that should draw the regular playgoers. Change of bill every night. The opera house orchestra is engaged for the week.

#### McIntyre is Coming.

Robert McIntyre, the great Methodist divine, will be the tenth and closing attraction in the tabernacle lyceum course Friday night. (See by ad. in another column.) The reserve seat plat will open at Otto E. Curtis & Bros. tomorrow morning. One hundred and fifty old soldiers will occupy seats on the platform at the lecture, and 200 extra chairs will be placed in the big building to accommodate the crowd.

Attorney C. F. Mansfield has taken the examination and received a certificate entitling him to practice law in the supreme court of the United States.

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## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

## Township Election, April 5.

For Supervisors—James Hollinger  
Jacob Hanes, W. J. Magge  
Town Clerk—A. H. Cope  
Assessor—W. W. Foster  
Collector—Cass Nicholson  
Commissioner—Henry Ammann  
Constable—Fred Miller.  
Roundmaster—Greenberry Martin

## WEATHER.

Chicago, March 22—Illinois. Cold  
wave and partly cloudy tonight, Wednes-  
day fair and continued cold wind shift-  
ing to high westerly.

Speaking of the rainy season in Cuba,  
what is the matter with whipping Spain  
between showers.

Autonomy for Cuba is just about as  
much out of date as the horse car and the  
similarity might be extended by calling  
attention to the fact that as few people  
want to get aboard autonomy as have  
any desire to board a horse car because  
they want to reach a given destination by  
speedier means.

Spanish bonds are worth a trifle more  
than the silver dollar would now be  
worth if Bryan had been elected presi-  
dent. Spanish government is, therefore,  
not quite as low in the scale of civiliza-  
tion as Bryan's theory of money is in the  
world of commerce and finance.

The insurgents say they will never ac-  
cept autonomy but according to some re-  
cent reports the Spanish general Pando  
cannot bring himself to the point of be-  
lieving that General Gomez means what  
he says and has started on a mission to  
have the matter settled in his own mind.

Mr. Caldwell, the prospective Populist  
candidate for congress in this district  
in his speech to the faithful in this city  
Saturday said that he stood with both  
feet on the Chicago platform. This  
means that he is still in favor of the free  
coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.  
As a banker Mr. Caldwell seems willing  
to make any sacrifice to break into con-  
gress. Some of the flat money people in  
the district may, before the campaign  
cloves, become interested in what he  
would do in case he was elected to con-  
gress.

## Confess It Hurts.

The Pall Mall Gazette bewails the effect  
of the Dingley law upon British manu-  
facturers. In an article commenting up-  
on the review of trade, issued by the  
Bradford Chamber of Commerce, it says  
that Bradford had enjoyed especial pros-  
perity in 1895 and 1896 by reason of its  
sales to the United States, but that in  
1897 a particular event happened, which  
sent Bradford a prosperity with a rush  
down to zero, that event was the passing  
in the United States of the new tariff law  
commonly known as the Dingley act. It  
is proceeded to show that the exports from  
Bradford to the United States in seven  
months of 1895, under the Wilson act  
were over 9,000,000 pounds sterling, while  
in 1891 under the McKinley law they  
were in the entire year only 829,000  
pounds sterling. But when we make  
our comparisons for the last five months  
of each of the above years, it adds, "we  
are able to appreciate what a terrific blow  
Dingley has dealt to Bradford. For the  
last five months of 1895 the exports to the  
United States were worth 1,841,665  
pounds sterling; the McKinley tariff  
managed to get this figure down to 753,  
910 pounds in 1891, under the genial in-  
fluence of the Wilson tariff of 1895 the  
value of these exports reached 1,849,908  
pounds, while under the Dingley act the  
five months' total reached only 156,878  
pounds sterling. Truly Bradford has  
cause for consternation." Commenting  
still further upon England's free trade  
experiment, the writer says: "The  
master after morals may find two lessons  
in this tale of Bradford's misfortune.  
The first relates to England's barter of

weapons in an international strife . . .  
About a year ago Lord Salisbury com-  
plained that England could no longer  
force reasonable tariffs from other nations  
by threatening reprisals, not that is so  
long as the present system endures. It is  
becoming even more difficult to find a  
reason why that (the free trade) system  
should endure. The other lesson taught  
is the need of further cementing trade re-  
lations within the empire. The United  
States have made it plain that they in-  
tend as far as possible to be a self con-  
tained commercial unit. Other nations  
are following the same path. Let Eng-  
land Greater England, do likewise."

## The Gold Reserve

St. Louis Globe Democrat. Every three  
or four days now the swelling treasury  
gold reserve makes a new score. It has  
just crossed the \$171,000,000 line. As  
the gold importation at present is in a  
larger volume than was ever before known  
at this season, the reserve is bound to  
grow rapidly for the immediate future.  
The amount of gold engaged in Europe  
for shipment to the United States since  
February 25 is about \$26,000,000, some  
of which has arrived. About \$5,000,000  
is on the way from Australia to this  
country, or has been ordered. As no  
body, in a time of absolute financial con-  
fidence like this wants to hold or hoard  
gold all of this will go to the banks or  
the treasury. The banks and the treas-  
ury have already an immense supply of  
the metal, but their stock is certain to  
keep on growing. A gold loan for a big  
amount could be floated in the United  
States at the present time. It was should  
take place the government could borrow  
all the cash it needs without drawing on  
Europe.

## What Ails Bryan's State?

Chicago Times Herald. If William J.  
Bryan still has his face turned toward  
1900 he should take steps forthwith to  
abolish the Nebraska bureau of industrial  
statistics. For what shall it profit a ca-  
lamity wailer to go up and down in the  
land preaching of industrial depression if  
the official statisticians of his own state  
sow broadcast the glad tidings of return-  
ing prosperity? According to a statement  
just issued by the Nebraska state bureau,  
covering the last six months of 1897,  
there were 5673 farm mortgages filed in  
Nebraska, aggregating \$5,675,733 of in-  
debtedness, and during the same period  
2335 farm mortgages were released, rap-  
resenting a total debt cancellation of \$7,  
557,392. There were also 2253 city mort-  
gages filed, representing \$1,990,820, and  
1960 city mortgages released represent-  
ing \$1,435,018.

The gold standard is still in full effect,  
and the Nebraska farmers actually are  
paying their debts and getting rich un-  
der it. Something should be done about  
this at once.

## ANDREWS OUT.

He Tenders His Resignation as Secre-  
tary of the Republican Committee.

W. N. Andrews is no longer secretary  
of the Republican township central com-  
mittee. He wrote out his formal resigna-  
tion and presented it to D. A. Maffit,  
chairman of the committee. It was ac-  
cepted. Mr. Maffit, who still remains in  
the harness will call a meeting of the  
committee and candidates soon, when a  
temporary secretary will be appointed.  
The present plans of Mr. Andrews are not  
known.

## MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 22.

Wheat	Open- ing	High- est	Low- est	Close	Year- to-date
March	1.05	1.07	1.05	1.05	1.05
May	.85	.87	.85	.85	.85
July	.75	.77	.75	.75	.75
Sept	.65	.67	.65	.65	.65
Nov	.55	.57	.55	.55	.55
Dec	.45	.47	.45	.45	.45
Jan	.35	.37	.35	.35	.35
Feb	.25	.27	.25	.25	.25
Mar	.15	.17	.15	.15	.15
Apr	.05	.07	.05	.05	.05
May	.05	.07	.05	.05	.05
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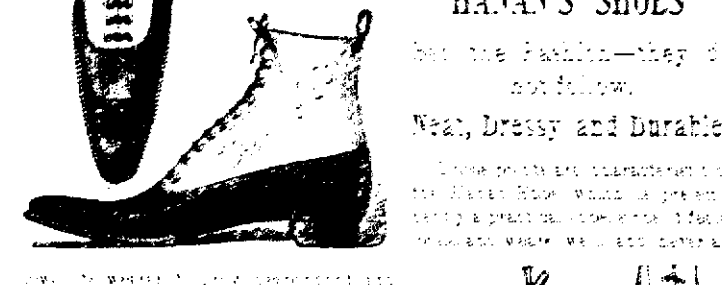
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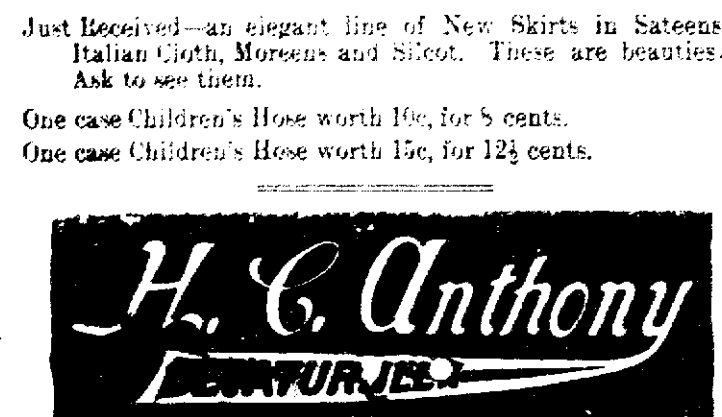
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